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*Happy Thanksgiving*



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## Freedom comes with responsibility

BY COL. STEVE AND CANDY LANNING  
30th Space Wing Commander and First Lady

**T**his is the time of year when we all pause to give thanks for the many blessings we share.

The blessing of freedom is among our most precious gifts and, as we know, it comes with the responsibility to protect and preserve it.

While all Americans share those responsibilities, our fellow citizens look to us who wear the uniform of the United States, to serve as the front-line guardians of liberty and stand ready to defend those ideals.

As Americans, we should be grateful for our heritage. That unique U.S. spirit of freedom was born in the minds and hearts of our forefathers and nourished and made secure by the resolve and selflessness of the many who have followed.

As Team Vandenberg members, you can also be proud that your dedication is allowing millions of Americans to sit



*Lt. Col. Brad Peck, 30th Services Squadron commander, and Verna Brown, Vandenberg Child Development Center director, have lunch with some of Team Vandenberg's youngest members in room one of the CDC.*

down to Thanksgiving dinner secure in the knowledge that their freedom is protected by a strong military.

Some of you are able to enjoy the holiday with family and friends while others will be separated from your loved ones. Regardless of your loca-

tion, you remain in our hearts and prayers. We are deeply grateful for your service.

On this special holiday, we send our best wishes to each of you and your families for a very happy Thanksgiving.

## America full of hope, prosperity, liberty

### Air Force Secretary, Chief of Staff send message of thanks to members for dedication, commitment

BY F. WHITTEN PETERS AND GEN. MICHAEL RYAN  
Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff

**A**s Americans, our great fortune is to live in a country full of hope and prosperity — a country that promises liberty for all of its citizens.

Traditionally, we have set aside Thanksgiving as a day to celebrate the many blessings we enjoy as people of this great nation. Like those who began this tradition, our Armed Forces continue to proudly carry the torch of freedom.

Thanksgiving commemorates the Pilgrims' first harvest more than three centuries ago after traveling to a distant and unknown land in pursuit of an ideal.



Gen. Michael Ryan  
Air Force Chief of Staff

They held that historic feast to give thanks for the peace, prosperity and religious freedom they found in the "New World."

As we gather this Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the blessings we enjoy today and acknowledge the selflessness of the men and women of our Air Force in assuring our security and freedom. Again this year, nearly 90,000 Air Force members are stationed or deployed overseas, many separated from family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their loved ones as they perform their vital missions.

To all the members of our great Air Force — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian and retired, and your families — thank you for your dedication and commitment. We salute you for continuing our rich legacy of service and for upholding the ideals of democracy. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



F. Whitten Peters  
Secretary of the Air Force

## AF Chief recognizes Military Family Week

TO ALL AIR FORCE FAMILIES,

I am delighted to join the Armed Services YMCA in recognizing you, our Air Force families, during this special week. You are a vital part of our Air Force team and have contributed immensely toward accomplishing our various missions around the world.

Whether at home station or deployed in Kosovo, Southwest Asia, South America,

or numerous other remote locations, Air Force members have performed superbly this past year. However, this could not have been possible without your direct support and many hours of hard work to keep the home fires burning brightly.

My wife, Pat, and I extend our thanks to all of you for your daily sacrifices and contributions to our Air Force and our Nation. We are thankful for what you have accomplished, hope you have a great week of celebration, and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
CHIEF MASTER SGT. OF THE  
AIR FORCE FREDERICK FINCH

*Editor's Note: Armed Services YMCA celebrates Military Family Week during the Thanksgiving holiday period.*



Chief Master Sgt. Frederick Finch  
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

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# Airfield ops runs longest paved runway in AF inventory

By MAJ. CHARLES MOWERY

30th Operations Support Squadron Operations Officer

Which major Air Force installation is home to the longest paved runway in the Air Force inventory?

Is it Barksdale, home of the 2nd Bomb Wing's B-52s? Is it Edwards, the alternate landing site for NASA's Space Shuttle?

Congratulate yourself if you guessed the 30th Space Wing at Vandenberg AFB!

The 30th Space Wing owns the longest paved runway in the United States Air Force and one of the longest paved runways in the world.

However, because of its location and the lack of assigned fixed-wing aircraft, the 15,000 foot runway and airfield complex is also one of the most overlooked facilities on base.

Charged with the task of keeping the airfield mission ready are the men and women of the 30th Operations Support Squadron, Airfield Operations Flight, led by Capt. Thomas Schmidt. The airfield ops flight is comprised of two distinct yet interrelated work centers, the air traffic control tower and airfield management/base operations.

Five air traffic control NCOs assigned to the tower provide first-class support to the 76th Helicopter Flight's UH-1 helicopters as well as all manner of transient aircraft. Those aircraft range from C-5s transporting vital spacelift components and Pegasus rocket-launching L-1011s, to weekly support of other governmental agencies.

In addition to their 30th Space Wing duties, our air traffic controllers routinely deploy in support of contingency operations in Kosovo, Bosnia, and East Timor for up to 120 day periods. In the past two



SENIOR AIRMAN JEANETTE COPELAND

*Jim Bolusan, a transient alert maintenance technician, directs an L-1011 as it taxis down Vandenberg's 15,000 foot runway. The L-1011 is an example of one of the many transient aircraft supported by the 30th Operations Support Squadron here.*

years, every one of our controllers has endured an extended, sometimes short-notice, overseas deployment.

At airfield management/base operations, a five-member team maintains the airfield and provides ground support to aircraft and aircrews. This includes processing flight plans, providing flight following services to aircraft and disseminating flight safety notifications to airmen. Other responsibilities include runway, lighting and navigational aid maintenance/operation, managing the base Flightline Drivers Training Program, Airfield Operations Board Safety Working Group, and the Bird and Wildlife Hazard

program.

Airfield mission success depends heavily on the partnership forged between the OSS and many members of Team Vandenberg. Support from organizations such as civil engineering, communications, transportation, range, weather and space launch squadrons, is critical to day-to-day mission accomplishment.

So the next time you're surprised at the sight of a C-130 flying low and slow over the base, or startled by the thunderous roar of Navy F-18s on takeoff, remember the military professionals in airfield operations. And if you have a moment, stop by for a visit. Just follow Airfield Road.



## NEWS

## BRIEFS

**SPOUSES GROUP HOLDS YULETIDE GOLF CLASSIC**

■ The Vandenberg Officers' Wives Club is sponsoring a four person scramble Dec. 3 at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at noon. Cost is \$5 plus green fees and registration will begin at 11 a.m. The tournament is open to all military and civilian employees. Entry forms are available at the Pacific Coast Club and the golf course. For more information, call Corrine Haselden at 734-9469 or Rick Vigil at 606-6262.

**MILITARY VISA DIFFERENT FROM GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD**

■ Some military members have received letters from Bank of America inviting them to use convenience checks to get started on Christmas purchases. If used, the checks will be drawn against the members "military Visa card." That is a personal Visa account. This incentive has caused some confusion because of the government travel card which is also a Visa card from Bank of America. The convenience checks will not and should not be used by members against their government travel card. That card is for official travel and travel related expenses only. For more information, call the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office at 605-6220.

**BASE ACCESS STICKERS HAVE PRESCRIBED LOCATION**

■ Base vehicle registration stickers, Department of Defense decal 2220, must be placed on the windshield in the lower corner of the driver's side. For more information call pass and registration at 606-1853.

**GE AND HOTPOINT DISHWASHERS SUBJECT TO NATIONWIDE RECALL**

■ General Electric and Hotpoint brand dishwashers manufactured between April 1983 and January 1989 are being recalled due to a possible fire hazard. GE and Hotpoint model numbers that are subject to recall are: GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA477 and HDA487. These models must also have a serial number that has the second letter A, M, R, S, T, V or Z. For example BM12345. The model and serial number is on a rectangular label on either the right or left front edge of the inner tub. Base housing residents who verify a recalled dishwasher in their home should call housing maintenance at 606-1840. Members living off base who identify a recalled machine can call GE at (800) 599-2929 or visit their web page at [www.geappliancerecall.com](http://www.geappliancerecall.com). GE is offering consumers a rebate toward the purchase of a new dishwasher.

# Carbon monoxide, smoke detectors save lives; check them regularly

By AL BALL

Military Family Housing Office

■ Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors may save your life.

Now that the season for cooler weather is here and a forced air furnace must be used for comfort, it's a good time to ensure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly and to learn what to do if they're not.

Detectors must be tested. Some homes have several detectors located throughout. Each detector should be checked daily for the light indicator, and tested monthly to ensure they are working properly. If a detector fails to activate during testing, immediately contact the housing maintenance contractor for service at 734-5586.

Smoke detectors are not connected to signal the fire

department. The alarm is to alert occupants. Should an alarm go off, residents should try to find the cause and, if necessary, call the fire department by dialing 911 and housing maintenance at 734-5586. Members should evacuate the home immediately.

Carbon monoxide cannot be seen, felt, tasted or smelled but it can be fatal. If an alarm is activated, residents should first check to see if anyone has a headache or upset stomach. Immediately call the fire department by dialing 911 and housing maintenance then move to an area with fresh air. Take a count of all family members to ensure everyone is accounted for, do not re-enter the area until the fire department or maintenance personnel indicate the air is clean enough to do so.

Following these procedures will ensure families are safe.

## 576th comes in 36 hours under deadline

### Members quickly test, certify new REACT software

By CAPT. PHILLIP CHRONISTER

576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron

■ Performing under pressure, members of the 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron here, tested and validated an emergency change to the Rapid Execution and Combat Targeting software, designated Golden Prom 00-2, Oct. 8 through 10.

The emergency change was implemented to improve the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system and was required before the software could be fielded command wide.

U.S. Strategic Command mandated only 144 hours to complete the work from the time they notified the 576<sup>th</sup> of the required change to the time the certified software was sent to the field.

"The 144 hours is deceiving," said Capt. David Melvin, the test director. "We had only 72 hours to complete our test prior to Air Force Space Command certifying the software. We completed our test in 36 hours and the software was fielded 120 hours from notification."

Generally, a scheduled task of this magnitude is a lengthy process requir-

ing approximately 100 days for completion, Melvin added.

Tasked with this certification, members of the 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS's TOP HAND program assembled a test team, drafted a test plan, prepared new software, generated a Missile Alert Facility to full operational capability and coordinated required test support in minimal time.

Also, 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS maintenance people worked non-stop repairing critical equipment essential for the test. This effort guaranteed the ability of AFSPC to validate the software modifications.

The 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS test team members included Capt. Walter Jimenez, test manager; Melvin, test director; Tech. Sgt. Ralph Lewis, production supervisor; Captains David Kelley, Trevor Hazen, and James Warma, senior test conductors; and Captains Joseph LeMay, Steven Barosko, Jeff Keckley, Tracy Patton, John Butler and Phillip Chronister, as test conductors.

TOP HAND was not alone in this endeavor. Support included the

production supervisor and facility managers of the 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS, as well as communications support from the 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron here and the 90<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Another contributing factor to the timely completion was a newly installed communications switching box, allowing test team members to instantly switch between live and computer generated communications, a process that previously involved multiple base agencies and a minimum of three hours. Also, members of Headquarters AFSPC, the Space Warfare Center and 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force were on site to observe the test.

Due to rapid response, teamwork, focus and perseverance, the 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS ensured the emergency change was implemented a full 24 hours ahead of the mandated timeline.

"This emergency change is just the kind of challenge my people thrive on," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Van Sickle, 576<sup>th</sup> FLTS commander. "Their enthusiasm coupled with the support of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Space Wings made the test possible."

## Housing contractor ready for lockouts at all hours

■ Base housing residents who lock themselves out of their homes in the middle of the night can now call the contractor for assistance.

In accordance with the new housing maintenance contract which began Oct. 1, occupants

who inadvertently lock themselves out of their housing unit should contact the housing maintenance contractor, C. Martin Corp., at 734-5586 for assistance, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The contractor is required to

respond to members who are locked out as emergency service calls, within one hour.

Problems with these procedures should be reported to housing maintenance quality assurance personnel at 606-2808.

# Tops in Blue hits Sesto Auditorium

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Tops in Blue, the premier entertainment showcase for the United States Air Force, entertains Team Vandenberg in Sesto Auditorium Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The show is free and open to all.

The 1999 edition of Tops in Blue, “Just for the Fans,” is a celebration of music and dance, for young and old alike. For more than 45 years, Tops in Blue has entertained audiences around the world. This year’s edition will perform 125 shows in 100 different locations in the United States and 20 countries.

The new team will take center stage for nearly two hours, performing favorite hits from the 1970s through the 1990s, with special highlights featuring songs that create fun for the entire audience. The performance will include a collection of pop, rock, disco, rhythm and blues, and country

favorites. According to Tom Edwards, the show’s producer and director of Air Force Entertainment, this show is “Fantastic!” As the title indicates, it is a show inspired by the fans, just for the fans.

“It’s because of the fans that Tops in Blue exists,” said Edwards. “We just want to thank our fans for their support and the caring they have shown each Tops in Blue team throughout the years.”

Representing Team Vandenberg on the 36-member team is Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Randi Facenda of the 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron. Facenda was chosen to represent the 1999 edition as a vocalist.

Since the group’s first world tour in 1953, Tops in Blue has performed more than 6,800 shows including six Bob Hope Specials and a halftime performance before an audience of 110 million at Super Bowl XIX.

## Base librarian offers tips for children’s holiday reading

■ The following books are recommended for young readers by Dixie Paronto, Vandenberg’s reference librarian.

Children can learn about the first Thanksgiving and what it meant to America by reading the following holiday books.

**Pre-School to First Grade:**  
*1-2-3, Thanksgiving*, by W. Nikola-Lisa.

*The Alligator Arrived with Apples, A Potluck Alphabet Feast*, by Crescent Dragonwagon, with illustrations by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey.

**First to Third Grade:**  
*One Tough Turkey; a Thanksgiving Story*, by Steven Kroll.

*Squanto and the First Thanksgiving*, by Joyce Kessel, illustrated by Lisa Donze.

**Third to Fourth Grade:**  
*Three Young Pilgrims*, by Cheryl Harness.

*Turkeys, Pilgrims, and Indian Corn; the Story of the*

*Thanksgiving Symbols*, by Edna Barth.

**Fourth to Fifth Grade:**  
*The Thanksgiving Visitor*, by Truman Capote, illustrated by Beth Peck.

*An Old-fashioned Thanksgiving*, by Louisa May Alcott.

**Multi-cultural books:**  
*Gracias, The Thanksgiving Turkey*, by Joy Cowley. A Hispanic, New York story.

*Thanksgiving at Obaachan’s*, by Janet Mitsui Brown. A Japanese-American story.

*Molly’s Pilgrim*, by Barbara Cohen. A Russian-American story.

*The Circle of Thanks*, by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Murv Jacob. Native American Poems and songs of Thanksgiving.

These books and many more on Thanksgiving are available at the Base Library. The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving Day but will be open on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# Unit representatives have base holiday party tickets

■ Unit representatives are now selling tickets to the Team Vandenberg holiday party.

The party is Dec. 4 at the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner buffet opens at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for enlisted members and \$15 for officers.

Unit representatives and their phone numbers are:

Command Post, Master Sgt. Connie Rathburn, 606-6300

30th Operations Support Squadron, 2nd Lt. Holly Vandehei, 606-5915

30th Range Squadron, 2nd Lt. Anthony Morris, 606-7646

30th Weather Squadron, Capt. Eric Barela, 606-2251

2nd Space Launch Squadron, Capt. David Keener, 605-4318

76th Helicopter Squadron 2nd Lt. Christopher Hickok, 606-9606

30th Communications Squadron, 2nd Lt. Jan Martin, 606-9588



30TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

30th Contracting Squadron, 1st Lt. Christopher Wells, 606-3746

30th Transportation Squadron, 2nd Lt. Angelo Sommer, 606-6994

30th Supply Flight, Tech. Sgt. Danny Carpenter, 606-5012

30th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Airman Helen Hall, 606-5601

30th Mission Support Squadron, 1st Lt. Robert Jackson, 606-4392

30th Comptroller Squadron, Lt. Col. Bruce Kalish, 606-9733

30th Services Squadron, Betty Crawford, 606-5031

614th Space Operations Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Kennedy, 605-0318

30th Security Forces Squadron, Master Sgt. Donald French, 605-0751

30th Medical Group, 1st Lt. Patricia Teran-Dick, 606-6726

Detachment 9, Space and Missile Systems Center, Lt. Col. Peter Moeller, 606-6771

381st Training Squadron, Airman Mercedes Zamora, 605-2644

392nd Training Squadron, Master Sgt. Victor Morrow, 606-0658

532nd Training Squadron, 1st Lt. John Divencenzo, 605-8195

533rd Training Squadron, Staff Sgt. Scott Kenny, 605-2715

534th Training Squadron, Staff Sgt. Angela Fernandez, 605-8472

30th Space Wing and 14th Air Force, Staff Sgt. Dallas McCarter, 605-2128.

## AAFES offers Thanksgiving shoppers discounts

■ DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is kicking off the century's last holiday shopping season with a \$250,000 sweepstakes, extended store hours, sales in all categories and special credit plan offerings.

Customers can register for the "Home for the Holidays" sweepstakes on either Nov. 26, or Nov. 27, during the first four shopping hours in exchange main stores, which will open at 6 a.m. stateside and 7 a.m. in Europe.

The grand sweepstakes prize stateside is a Dodge Neon automobile; overseas it's a Ford Focus. The more than 400 other prizes include airline tickets, sets of luggage, calling cards, and popular electronics items for all ages.

AAFES will announce sweepstakes winners Dec. 12 after a drawing from entries collected worldwide.

Additionally, same-day in-store drawings will award gift certificates ranging from \$50 to \$200. Sweepstakes rules and restrictions are printed on the back of each entry ticket, in sales tabloid inserts and on store displays.

*The grand prize is a Dodge Neon ... other prizes include airline tickets, sets of luggage, calling cards, and popular electronics items for all ages.*

AAFES' Thanksgiving weekend sales tabloids, which are in stores now, show many of the items on sale and feature coupons redeemable for savings on fast food. AAFES' homepage also features information about this and other sales events.

Along with the "Home for the Holidays" sweepstakes, AAFES' will launch a special holiday Deferred Payment Plan promotion that will end Dec. 24. All DPP account holders can make purchases free of interest and payments for 90 days and new account holders will additionally receive a special discount.

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## People First

■ WASHINGTON - It is never too soon to start planning for your financial future.

While military and civilian retirement systems provide many benefits, proper financial planning can augment these and greatly enhance quality of life for individuals and families.

To assist airmen, family members, and Department of Defense civilians in developing the best possible plan for their financial future, the Air Force has established a well-trained cadre of financial management counselors.

The Vandenberg Community Support Center provides personal financial management as one of its core services.

Counselors offer a variety of workshops including home buying, understanding mutual funds, long-term investments, relocation planning and retirement planning.

For more information on the personal financial management program call the CSC at 606-4491.



# DLA accepting holiday shipments for troops

By ARMY STAFF SGT. KATHLEEN RHEM  
*American Forces Press Service*

■ WASHINGTON — As the holidays approach, many people and groups like to send their appreciation to GIs overseas. The Defense Logistics Agency is trying to make that easier for them to do.

Individuals can send letters, cards and cassette tapes addressed simply to “Any Service Member,” but new postal rules set a 13-ounce weight limit and prohibit packages of any sort without a specific name to military addresses, said Gail Boyce, DLA program manager.

In the past, military postal authorities would see to the delivery of all “any service member” mail to troops in overseas locations.

Those wishing to donate items to troops may still do so, but a few more steps are involved and there’s a Dec. 3 deadline, Boyce said.

The first step is for the individual or group to contact the DLA Bosnia Donations Team at (800) 841-0937.

Callers will be asked to leave their names, addresses, phone numbers, and a description of the contents of the donation, she said.

Donations must arrive at the depot by Dec. 3.

The vast majority of “care packages” come from private donors such as the Girl Scouts and Veterans of Foreign Wars, she said.

DLA, she noted, recently accepted a shipment of disposable cameras from a VFW Ladies Auxiliary group. Other good gifts are personal care items such as sun-screen and skin lotion, nonperishable snack foods, travel games and playing cards, she said.

Currently, all donations are being sent to deployed service members in the Balkans.

On the prohibited shipping list are firearms, ammunition, alcoholic beverages, pornographic materials, perishables, glass containers, and home-baked products. DLA isn’t currently accepting religious materials, books, magazines or newspapers either.

Individuals wishing to send cards to deployed service

members or their families can use the following addresses.

To send cards or letters to service members deployed to the Balkans:

Any Service Member  
Operation Joint Forge  
APO AE 09397-0001

To send cards or letters to sailors or Marines aboard ship in the area:

Any Service Member  
Operation Joint Forge  
FPO AE 09398-0001

To send cards or letters to family members of service members deployed to the Balkans:

Any Family Member  
Operation Joint Forge  
APO AE 09399-0001

Once the depot receives donations, they are sent space-available to morale, welfare and recreation officials in forward areas for distribution to troops, she said. Questions about the program can be e-mailed to [bosnia\\_donations@hq.dla.mil](mailto:bosnia_donations@hq.dla.mil).

# 'Operation Dear Abby' gets holiday mail to those overseas

■ KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- People wanting to send mail to military members serving overseas can do so with help from Abigail Van Buren.

Known through her syndicated newspaper column as "Dear Abby," Van Buren has conducted "Operation Dear Abby," a letter-writing campaign, for 15 years.

To ensure that the mail is received within the required time window and falls within the Department of Defense’s security guidelines, the mail will be limited to First-Class letter mail of 13 ounces or less, according to

officials at the Military Postal Service Agency.

To send mail to a specific area, address it to the closest geographic hub, which will distribute the mail to all services in the area that it supports. Below are this year's addresses:

-- **Europe and Southwest Asia:**  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
APO AE 09135

-- **Mediterranean basin:**  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
FPO AE 09646

-- **Far East:**

Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
APO AP 96285

-- **Pacific Basin:**  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
FPO AP 96385

For the system to cover the widest possible area, the addresses must remain generic. Addresses other than those listed will not determine the distribution. For example; a letter addressed to a "soldier" may be distributed to an airman, sailor or Marine.

"We are not targeting specific units or countries," said Navy Capt. Eugene

DuCom, MPSA deputy directory.

"Rather we are targeting major U.S. military Aerial Mail Terminals and Fleet Mail Centers overseas. These mail hubs will receive the mail and distribute it on a fair-share basis to all services across the board." DuCom said this system should preclude over-burdening transportation assets or inundating specific units, and will provide wider distribution to service members.

The addresses listed above will only be open for the holiday period now through Jan 15. After that, the United States Postal Service will no longer accept mail for these addresses.

## Hawks Sweep

Malik Salim of the Vandenberg Hawks pulls up in the lane for two points against McClellan AFB, Calif. during the championship game of the Tournament of Champions Sunday at the main gym. The Hawks downed McClellan by a score of 65-56 to sweep through the tournament undefeated. The Hawks' ran their record to 5-0 following victories over McClellan, Twenty-nine Palms and MCRD San Diego over the weekend. They take the court Dec. 5 when they face Luke AFB, Ariz. here.



SENIOR AIRMAN JEANETTE COPELAND

## Falcons fall to CSU, close season Saturday against New Mexico St.

■FORT COLLINS, Colo. -- Kevin McDougal rushed for 200 yards and a touchdown and threw for another as Colorado State ended a two-game losing streak to its arch-rival, beating Air Force 41-21 Thursday.

Matt Newton threw two TD passes to Pete Rebstock and scrambled 4 yards for a third score as the Rams (7-3, 4-2 Mountain West) stayed in contention for both a bowl bid and a share of the conference title.

Colorado State, posting its fourth straight victory, scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 41-6 lead.

Air Force (6-4, 2-4), under starting quarterback Mike Thiessen, got its first touchdown late in the third quarter behind backup Cale Bonds, who engineered an 80-yard drive that ended on Jeremy Laster's 10-yard run.

The hard-running McDougal, raising his conference-leading rushing total to 1,051, set up three touchdowns with runs of 66, 22 and 34 yards.

Late in the first half, he took a pitchout and tossed a 3-yard TD pass to tight end Leon Smith. He burst 2 yards up the middle for a score midway through the third period, triggering the Rams' 21-point outburst in the period.

McDougal's 34-yard run preceded freshman Rahsaan Sanders' 14-yard scoring run with 4:30 left in the period. The Rams then scored again just a minute later after Thiessen fumbled a snap. Newton passed 18 yards to Rebstock for the TD.

The Falcons struck first on Dave Adams' 52-yard field goal in the first quarter, aided by a wind gusting to 70 mph but which gradually subsided.

The Falcons finish the regular season at 12:30 p.m. Saturday against New Mexico St. (3-7, 2-4 Mountain West). This week's game will be televised by ESPN 2.



# Flag Football Standings

	W	L	Pct.	PF
30th MSS	13	1	.929	291
30th LG	10	3	.769	162
576th FLTS	9	5	.642	191
30th MDG	8	6	.571	152
30th CES	8	7	.533	121
533rd TRS	8	8	.500	197
30th SFS	7	9	.438	178
392nd TRS	4	10	.286	87
381st TRG	3	14	.176	99
614th SOPS	0	9	.000	0

As of Tuesday

Upcoming schedule

## Wednesday

5:30 p.m.	30th SFS vs. 576th FLTS
6:30 p.m.	614th SOPS vs. 392nd TRS
7:30 p.m.	30th CES vs. 30th MSS
8:30 p.m.	30th MDG vs. 30th LG

## SPORTS

## BRIEFS

### FITNESS CENTER RACES TO 2000 WITH PROGRAM

■The fitness center's Race to 2000 fitness program is in full swing.

The program is intended to encourage people to maintain a regular physical fitness program or start a regimen if they aren't currently participating in aerobic activity at least three times a week.

Currently, the 30th Logistics Group, 30th Communications Squadron and the 576th Flight Test Squadron are leading the competition.

Prizes will be awarded to the individuals and units that earn the most points during the competition. If you were unaware of fitness challenge and would like to be credited for previous workouts, call Senior Airman Rich Drengberg or Senior Airman Jessyca Castillo at 606-3832.

### FITNESS CENTER LOOKING FOR VARSITY COACHES

■ The fitness center staff is accepting coaching resumes for these varsity sports: women's basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. Call 606-3832 for information.

### SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS TODAY

■ The sports advisory council meeting is today at 10 a.m. in the Services Center. For more information on the meeting call 606-3832.

### VAFB HOLDS YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC DEC. 5

■ The first-ever baseball/ softball clinic food drive will be held Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the little league baseball field across from the commissary.

Donation of a non-perishable food item will be required to gain admission to the clinic. All food items will be donated to the base food pantry. The clinic is for boys and girls from age eight through 12. Individuals can donate food to the clinic without participating.

For more information call 2nd Lt. Kris Barcomb at 605-5029 or 736-3046.

### FCI DEFEATS 2ND SLS TO GRAB OVER-30 CROWN

■ FCI defeated the 2nd SLS by a score of 9-8 to grab the over-30 softball championship. FCI finished the season with a record of 11-1.

### PLAYERS WANTED FOR POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL

■ The fitness center is still looking for players to compete in the powderpuff football game. To sign up for the game call 606-3832.

# S<sup>30th</sup> Services

# NEWS



## THANKSGIVING DAY

All Services facilities will be closed for the holiday with the exception of **Marshallia Ranch Golf Course**, which will be open 6 a.m. to sundown.

### FRIDAY

The following facilities will be closed:

Auto Skills  
Equipment Check Out  
Skills Center  
Swimming Pool  
Vet Clinic  
Services Center  
Child Development Center  
Youth Activities

### FRIDAY

These activities will be open on a holiday schedule:

Bowling Center	6:30 a.m. to mid-night
FAMCAMP	9 a.m. to noon
Golf Course	6 a.m. to sundown
Pacific Coast Club	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Rod & Gun	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fitness Center	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## BOWLING CENTER

**Scotch Double Tournament!** Saturday. Check in at 5:30 p.m., bowl at 6 p.m. Cost \$12 per person.

### Bonanza Bingo!!

Play every day during business hours for only \$1 per card. Win up to \$1000.

### Thunder Alley

Friday & Saturday evenings, \$8 per person for three hours of fun. Only \$6 if you are a member of the Youth Center.

## LIBRARY

**Military Family Week**, Nov 21-28.

**Douhet Society CSAF Discussion Reading Group**, "Winged Victory" Tuesday, noon.

## FITNESS CENTER

**Fitness Challenge Race to 2000** is underway at the Fitness Center. Work out and receive points for your Squadron. Cards are available at the reception desk.

## GOLF COURSE

**Annual Christmas Sale** on everything over \$10, not already on sale, Dec. 5 through 12.

Remember, every Wednesday is **"Ladies Priority"** from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

**DEMO CLUB SETS** for sale, beginning Dec 1.

**MIZUNO** includes 1 & 3 woods, 3-PW and bag, \$800.

**TITLEIST** includes 3 & 5 woods, 3-PW, putter & bag, \$825

**SPALDING** includes 1, 3 & 5 woods, 3-PW, SW & bag, \$950

**CALLAWAY** includes 1, 3 & 5 woods, 3-PW, SW & bag, \$1250

**PING ISI** includes 3-SW & bag, \$500

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**ARROYO SECA INDIAN ROCK VILLAGE HIKE**

Sunday, Dec. 5, cost is \$5 per person. Leave from Outdoor Rec at 7 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. Bring water, lunch, snacks and a camera. Call 606-5908 for more information.

## NOVEMBER REMINDERS!

*Pacific Coast Club*  
**JAZZ NIGHT**  
Friday in the Hawk's Nest Lounge  
9 p.m. with DJ Ken

**top blue**  
USAF PRODUCTION  
TUESDAY  
SESTO AUDITORIUM  
7:30 p.m.

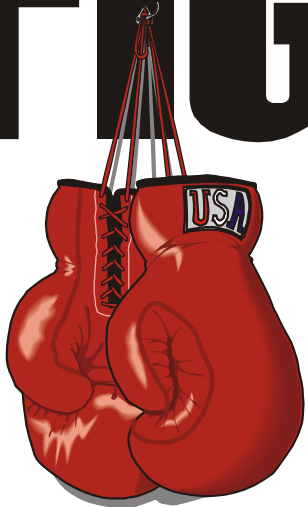
*Pacific Coast Club*  
**MONGOLIAN BBQ**  
Special Night!  
Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m.  
\$5.95 (5oz) .95 each additional oz.

**Coming December 31 1999**  
**NEW YEARS EVE**  
**2000**  
*Pennies*  
**CELEBRATION!**  
Tickets Now Available



# 30th Services NEWS

## FIGHT NIGHT



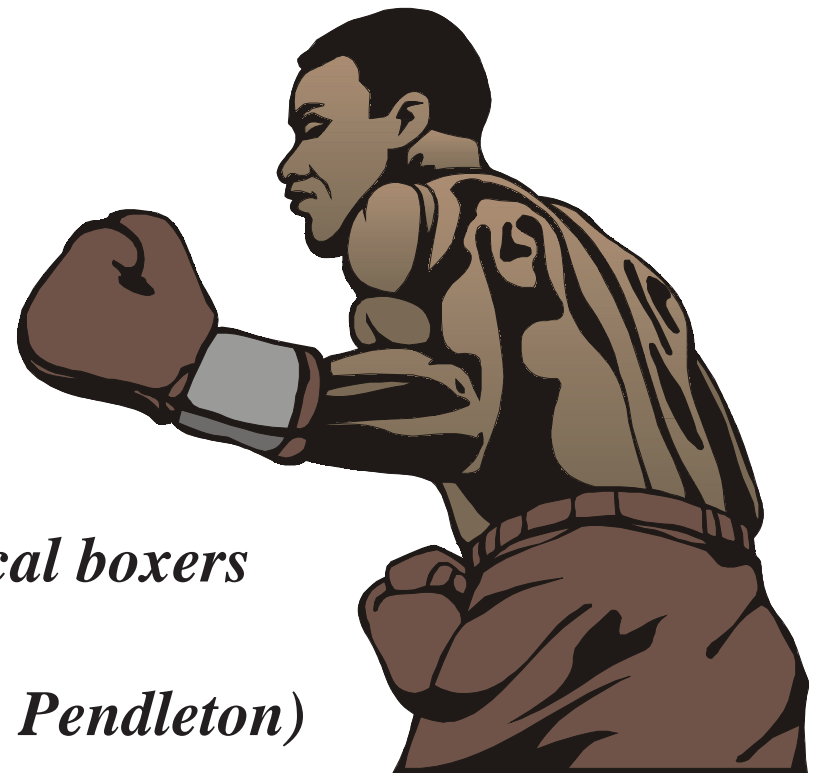
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at the Pacific Coast Club

**LIVE IN THE BALLROOM!  
SATURDAY  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 p.m.  
1st ROUND at 7 p.m.**

*Members \$7,  
Bonafide Guests \$12*

*USAF & local boxers  
vs.  
USMC (Camp Pendleton)*



**Team Vandenberg would like to  
thank the following event sponsors  
who give so generously...**

"Thunder Alley" Cosmic bowling

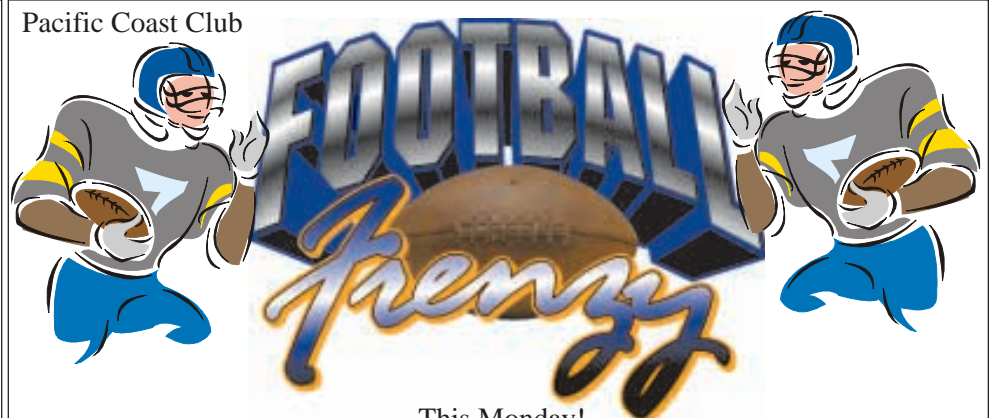
- ◆ Mervyn's
- ◆ JC Penney
- ◆ Anything Athletic

Fitness Center - Race to 2000

- ◆ Special thanks to David Esparza  
(Atlantis & Vision Fitness)
- ◆ Body Tech
- ◆ Stairmaster
- ◆ JC Penney
- ◆ Longs - Santa Maria
- ◆ Wal Mart
- ◆ Mad Sports Fan
- ◆ Star Trac
- ◆ Life Fitness
- ◆ AAFES
- ◆ Big 5 Sports
- ◆ Mervyn's
- ◆ Pacific Bell

*No Federal endorsement intended*

Pacific Coast Club



This Monday!

**Packers vs. 49ers**

Doors open at 5 p.m. Game time 6 p.m.

Free food! Prizes & More!

*Football Frenzy is in both the "Hawks Nest" & "Launch Pad" bars*

**24** WED.

■ Registration for the University of LaVerne winter semester is now until Dec. 17 for

undergraduate and graduate students. Classes begin Jan. 10. The program is open to military members and civilians. For more information call 606-5664 or 734-1306.

■ The community support center has information concerning the Air Force Aid Society's Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which awards \$1500 in grants to sons, daughters and spouses of active duty, retired and deceased Air Force members. Dependents of retired reservists also qualify. For more information on the scholarship program call 605-8551.

■ The 1999 Community Needs Assessment Surveys have arrived at the community support center. Air Force members will be randomly selected to participate in the survey. For more information on the program call Master Sgt. Chauncey Rivera at 606-0039.

**30** TUE.

■ The community support center will hold a newcomer's spouse orientation

Tuesday from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Club. The meeting provides an opportunity for new spouses to meet other spouses and learn more about the Vandenberg community. For more information call 606-0801.

■ The Douhet Society will meet Nov. 30 at noon in the base library. The book discussion will be *Winged Victory: The Army Air Force in World War II*, by Geoffrey Perret. For more information call 2nd Lt. John Pease 605-6430.

**1** WED.

■ Faculty members from the Aerospace Engineering Department at Cal Poly will

visit the education center Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. to introduce the masters degree program in aerospace engineering. All interested Air Force and contractor

personnel are invited to attend. For more information call the education office at 606-5933.

**3** FRI.

■ The Allan Hancock Youth Ballet will present *The Nutcracker* Dec. 3 through

Dec. 5 at the Santa Maria High School's Ethel Pope Auditorium. For additional information call the Allan Hancock College Performing Arts Center at 922-8313.

■ The Canticle A Cappella Choir will perform *A Canticle Christmas* Dec. 3 at 8:15 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Santa Barbara. For ticket and program information call 566-4646.

**7** TUE.

■ The Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra presents *The Great Concerto Night of the*

*20th Century* Dec. 7, 8 p.m. at the Lobero Theatre in Santa Barbara. For additional information call 963-0761.

**11** SAT.

■ The education center will hold the Scholastic Aptitude Test Dec. 11 at 8 a.m. for military members only if enough applicants sign up. Call the education office at 606-5933 for more information.

**12** SUN.

■ Vandenberg Leisure Tours will be taking a trip to the Crystal

Cathedral to watch the *Glory of Christmas* Dec. 12. Cost of the trip is \$65 which includes transportation and balcony seating. For more information on this and other trips, call 606-7976.

**MOVIES**

Thursday

***Closed for Thanksgiving***

Friday

***Double Jeopardy* (R), 103 min.**

Saturday & Sunday

***The Sixth Sense* (R), 115 min.**